

Colonoscopy

EXPLANATION OF FEES

As a service to our patients, we provide the following estimate of the likely medical costs you will be required to pay for your procedure. Please note that this is an estimate only of the fees charged. You will be liable for any costs not covered by Medicare or your health fund.

As with any medical procedure, if unforeseen circumstances should arise during the procedure it may be necessary to arrange additional medical services, entailing further cost to you, not covered by this estimate.

THERE ARE SEVERAL SEPERATE ACCOUNTS INVOLVED WHEN HAVING YOUR PROCEDURE:

DIGESTIVE DISEASES QLD ACCOUNT (DDQ)

DDQ has an agreement with participating health funds in the **'no gap' cover scheme**. If you have private health insurance, please contact your health fund to check you have the adequate level of cover for your upcoming procedure. Provided we have a **current referral** on file, we will submit the account directly to your health fund and Medicare (i.e. you will not receive an account).

If you do not have private health insurance you will receive the account in the mail **AFTER your procedure**. (see next page)

DDQ's account for the procedure is **separate** to the hospital charge. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, Eftpos or credit card (Credit card payment accepted via telephone).

Prompt payment is appreciated and your Medicare claim will be processed at the time of payment.

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT

Prior to your procedure it is necessary for you to register your admission with the hospital. The hospital will inform you of any payment required on the day of your procedure.

- If you have private health insurance you can ring your fund to check your hospital excess.
- If you do not have private health insurance, your hospital account is an out of pocket cost not covered by Medicare. You will need to contact the hospital you are attending for information on the fee.

Chermside Day Hospital – 3120 3444

North West Private Hospital – Switch: 3246 3133 (ask for accounts)

St Vincent's Northside (formerly Holy Spirit Northside) – Switch: 3326 3000 (ask for accounts)

St Andrew's Hospital – Switch: 3834 4444

ANAESTHETIST ACCOUNT

An anaesthetist will be present during your procedure and will provide the necessary sedation. At DDQ we use a number of different anaesthetists, dependant on the list.

- If you are covered with a private health fund, DDQ's agreement with our regular anaesthetists ensures this fee is also 'no gapped' and you will not receive any out of pocket fee.
- If you do not have private health insurance, the fees and payment policy will depend on the anaesthetist. DDQ can give you the contact details of your anaesthetist to obtain further information from their staff.

Your anaesthetist will be dependent on the list you are booked on. We can provide this information when you book your procedure.

PATHOLOGY ACCOUNT

During the procedure, the doctor may take a biopsy or remove polyps which will be sent to the pathology laboratory. If you do not have private insurance you *may* receive an account for this service. Medicare will reimburse a substantial part of this fee.

If you would like more information on this fee please contact Envoi Pathology on 3552 6400. They do the pathology for the *majority* of the lists.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the payment of your account, the item number/s or the fees involved, please do not hesitate to telephone the office on (07) 3861 4866.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Item Number</i>	<i>DDQ Fee</i>	<i>Medicare Pays</i>	<i>Health Fund Pays</i>
Only 1 of the below item numbers will be used				DDQ participates in the no gap cover scheme – see above
Colonoscopy	32090	\$420.00	\$250.80	
Colonoscopy with Polypectomy	32093	\$565.00	\$351.90	